



18th March, 1800.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

A Bill

For the regulation of public Arsenals and Magazines.

1 SEC. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
2 the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the several
3 officers who now are, or hereafter may be, employed in the armories of
4 the United States, shall be entitled to, and shall receive the following
5 compensations, in addition to their pay as established by law, to wit ;
6 a superintendent of such armory three rations per day, or an equivalent
7 in money ; and a master armourer two rations per day, or an equiva-
8 lent in money.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all artificers and workmen
2 who now are, and who shall be, employed in the said armories, shall be,
3 and they are hereby exempted, during their term of service, from all
4 personal arrests for any debt or contract that may have been incurred
5 or made after their engagement in said service ; and whenever any such ar-
6 tificer, or workman, shall be arrested contrary to the intent hereof, the
7 same proceedings shall be had as are provided in and by the fourth sec-
8 tion of an act entitled “ an act for the better organizing the troops of
9 the United States and for other purposes.”

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any workman, artificer, or
2 other person, shall take, and carry away, with intent to steal, or pur-
3 loin, any arms, ordinance, artillery stores, stock or materials for mak-
4 ing arms, or any implements, tools, or utensils, the property of the
5 United States, the person, or persons, so offending, shall, on convicti-
6 on, be fined, not exceeding the fourfold value of the property so stolen
7 or purloined, and be publickly whipped, not exceeding thirty nine
8 stripes.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person, or persons,
2 shall receive, or buy any goods, or chattels whatsoever, the property
3 of the United States, that shall be taken or stolen from any public
4 arsenal, or armory, knowing the same to be stolen, or shall receive,
5 harbour, or conceal any felons, or thieves, knowing them to be so,
6 he, or they, on conviction, shall be liable to the like punishments as
7 in the case of larceny before are prescribed.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person shall procure
2 or entice any artificer, or workman, retained or employed in any
3 arsenal, or armory of the United States, to depart from the same, or a-
4 void, or break his contract with the United States, or who after due
5 notice of the engagement of any such workman, or armourer in any
6 arsenal, or armory, shall, during the continuance of such engagement,
7 retain, hire, or in any wise employ, harbour, or conceal such artificer,
8 or workman, the person so offending, shall, upon conviction, be fined
9 at the discretion of the court not exceeding three hundred dollars, or
10 be imprisoned for any term not exceeding one year.

1 SEC. 6 *And be it further enacted,* That if any artificer, or workman,
2 hired, retained, or employed in any public arsenal, or armory, shall,
3 wantonly and carelessly, break, impair, or destroy, any implements,
4 tools, or utensils, or any stock, or materials for making guns, the pro-
5 perty of the United States, or shall wilfully and obstinately refuse to
6 perform the services lawfully assigned to him, pursuant to his contract,
7 every such person shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for
8 every such act of disobedience or breach of contract.